thas the fight began The *Bonaventure* bare full with her, ringing her such a peal of ordnance and small shot that he left her with torn sides The admiral also made no spare of powder and shot But the *Defiance* in the midst of the Spanish fleet, thundering of her ordnance and small shot continued the fight to the end, so that the vice-admiral with three or four of her consorts were forced to tack to the eastward, leaving their admiral and the rest of the fleet who came not so hotly into the fight as they did The fight continued two hours and better At sunset all their fleet tacked about to eastward, but ours continued the course to lie westward for Cape de los Cornentes In this conflict in* the *Defiance* were slain five men, three English-men, a Greek and a negro That night, some half hour after, their fleet keeping upon their weather quarter, our men saw a mighty smoke rise out of one of their great ships which stayed Dehind, and presently after she was all on a light fire, and so was consumed and all burnt

The next day the Spanish fleet kept still upon the weather quarter but dared not come room with ours, although the admiral stayed for them, and not long afterward began to fall away astern Thereafter they met with none of the enemy and on 9th April came to anchor on the south side of Flores m the Azores, where the *Defiance* was watered Here they bartered with the Portugals for some fresh victuals and set on shore their two Portugal pilots which Sir Francis Drake had earned out of England with him And so are they come back to Plymouth

2nd May SIR ANTHONY SHIRLEY'S VOYAGE.

The fleet which sailed from Southampton with Sir Anthony

Shirley some days since is anchored at Plymouth. Three ships and 500 soldiers now go with the Earl of Essex.

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There have of late been divers dissolute and audacious persons that falsely take upon themselves to be messengers of her Majesty's chamber, and for that purpose undutifully wear boxes or escutcheons of arms as messengers are wont to do. These men go up and down the country with warrants wherein are counterfeited the names of the Lords of the Council or of